cent of essential drugs and to have price control on all drugs;

(c) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto; and

(d) what are the details of other suggestions made by the Federation and by when the final view will be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) and b). Yes, Sir.

(c) The Government have not finalised the New Drug Policy.

(d) The Federation has also made suggestions in the areas of licensing and pricing. Government intend to announce the New Drug Policy as early as possible.

Price Decontrol category of Medicines under drug price control order, 1979

2846. SHRIMATI MONIKA DAS: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what was the objectives for having a price deconrol category of medicines undcer he Drugs Price Control Order, 1979;

(b) whether it is a fact that majority of medicines falling under this category have a mark up from 500 to 1000 per cent;

(c) if so, what is the mark up allowed under category I, II and III drugs falling under price control;

(d) whether it is a fact that there was no price decontrol category under Drugs Price Control Order, 1970;

(e) what was the highest mark up allowed under DPCO, 1970;

(f) whether it is a fact that a number of instances came to Government's notice in respect of formulators marketing without price approval, overcharging the prices and marketing price controlled medicines under the price exempted category; and

(g) if so, what system has been adopted by Government to check such actiivties?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) The purpose of having decontrolled category was to enable the manufacurers to set off losses, if any, on the price controlled categories against profits of price decontrolled formulations.

(b). No, Sir.

(c) Category-I formulations are allowed a mark-up of 40 per cent on ex-factory cost, category-II formulation 55 per cent on the ex-factory cost and category-III formulations upto 100 per cent on ex factory cost.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) The mark-up depended upon the scheme of pricing opted for by the individual manufacturers.

(f) Yes, Sir.

(g) Wherever such instances have come to the notice of the Government action is taken in accordance with due procedure of Law.

Requirement of anti-T.B. drugs

2847. SHRIMATI MONIKA DAS: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total estimated requirement of each of anti-TB drugs in the country during 1986-87;

(b) what is the total production of each drug during 1984-85;

(c) names of the TB drugs which are produced from basic stages and intermediate stages indigenously as well as names of drugs still being imported in the country;

(d) what was the quantity imported during the last three years, year-wise and what are the chances for its production in the country;